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Title: DATA RELAY UNIT AND MULTIPLEX COMMUNICATION SYSTEM CAPABLE OF INHIBITING DATA RELAY IN RESPONSE TO FAILURE	

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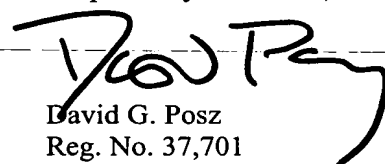
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is/are being submitted for consideration by the Examiner without any admission that it/they constitute(s) statutory prior art, or without any admission that it/they contain(s) subject matter that anticipates the invention or renders the invention obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449 and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed reference(s) has/have been considered and made of record.

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		5,224,096	June 29, 1993	Onishi et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	YES	NO
		EP 0886404 A2 (Discussed on page 2 of the spec.)	23/12/98	EUROPE				X	
		JP-A-8-204879	8/9/96	JAPAN				X	
		JP-A-2000-183940	6/30/00	JAPAN				X	

OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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